

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are now pending in the application. No amendments are made in this response. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the remarks contained herein.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3, 6-7, 10-11, 13, 15-17, and 19-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Smego (U.S. Pub. No. 2005/0203457). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

At the outset, Applicants enclose herewith the Declarations under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 of Nazir Khan and Iftikhar Khan demonstrating that the present invention was conceived and reduced to practice in this country prior to March 15, 2004, the effective filing date of Smego. Also enclosed herewith is the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 of David L. Suter demonstrating Applicants' diligence in filing an application based on the inventor's conception, from prior to March 15, 2004 (the filing date of Smego), through the filing of the subject application on March 29, 2004. Accordingly, Smego is not a valid prior art reference to presently pending claims 1-3, 6-7, 10-11, 13, 15-17, and 19-20. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14 and 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smego (U.S. Pub. No. 2005/0203457).

As stated above, Smego is not a valid prior art reference to any of the presently pending claims. Reconsideration and removal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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